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Art Unit 2877

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Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 10/050,046; Filed: January 17, 2002

Systems and Methods for Illuminating a Platen in a Print Scanner

Arnold et al. Inventors: 1823.0560000 Our Ref:

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17); 1.
- Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038); 2.
- Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22); 3.
- Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and 4.
- One (1) return postcard. 5.

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 12102003), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
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- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper.

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application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.